

REMARKS

In response to the election requirement imposed by the Examiner, Applicants hereby elect Group 1, claims 2-7 and 9-14.

However, in view of the amendments to claim 8, Applicants submit that the claims are no longer distinct from each other and that claim 8 and the claims that depend therefrom should be examined together with claims 2-7 and 9-14.

Specifically, the Examiner alleges that the product as claimed can be made by another and materially different process, such as by providing the pack including a container and a lid instead of using at least one essentially impervious film material with impervious joins or seams. However, claim 8 has now been amended to indicate that the pack comprises at least one essentially impervious film material with impervious joins or seams. Accordingly, the basis for the restriction requirement is no longer appropriate.

In the event that there are any questions concerning this response, or the application in general, the Examiner is respectfully urged to telephone the undersigned attorney so that prosecution of the application may be expedited.

Respectfully submitted,

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